

SECRET #4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ming XI , et al

Assignee: APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEPOSITING REFRACtORY METAL LAYERS
EMPLOYING SEQUENTIAL DEPOSITION TECHNIQUES TO FORM A
NUCLEATION LAYER

Serial No.: 09/678,266

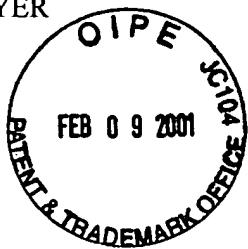
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Attention: Manager
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 6, 2000, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. A combined declaration and power of attorney signed by the inventor(s) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 (28 pages);
2. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted

The United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account 50-1074;

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3. Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

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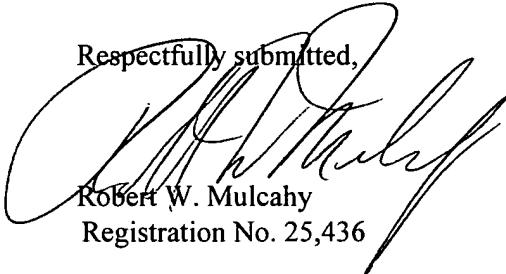
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If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$920.00 and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.50-1074.

It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above-named patent application and justify the filing date of October 3, 2000 . Please telephone the undersigned at (408) 563-2726 , if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
 - Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$80.
 - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
 - The oath or declaration is unsigned.
 - To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
 - The balance due by applicant is \$ 920.

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